IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brodin et al.

Appl. No. 08/875,888

102(e) Date: August 6, 1997

For: New Pharmaceutical Composition

with Anaesthetic Effect

Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Rebecca Cook

Atty. Docket: ABA300/13003

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated July 2, 1998, be extended through the date of filing of this Petition, fee payment, and accompanying Response.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) for a large entity is believed to be \$870.00 for a three-month extension. Fee payment is provided by our accompanying check. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than that provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

12/22/1998 SSANDARA 00000140 08875888 870.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0365. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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